

Application No. 10/633,349  
Response dated August 31, 2006  
OUTSTANDING OFFICE ACTION dated July 26, 2006

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN THE APPLICATION OF	:	Donald A. Sargent et al.
FOR	:	METHOD AND DEVICE FOR DEACTIVATING ITEMS AND FOR MAINTAINING SUCH ITEMS IN A DEACTIVATED STATE
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**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 26, 2006, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.